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Water Grants, Loan Approved

CARSON CITY — The State of Nevada is distributing more than \$15.7 million in grants and loans to assist local communities with improvements to water treatment and delivery systems.

The Board of Financing Water Projects approved a \$9 million loan to the Sun Valley General Improvement District to construct a second wholesale delivery point, three new water storage tanks, and to make improvements to existing water transmission and distribution facilities. Such loans are provided through the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, administered by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection.

The Board also approved a \$3.9 million grant to the Pershing County Water Conservation District and a \$2.7 million grant to the Town of Kingston in central Nevada.

The grant to the Pershing County Water Conservation District will help the district pay for repairs and improvements to its water storage facilities and irrigation operations for water conservation purposes.

The Town of Kingston will use its grant to repair and improve its aging and inadequate water system. Leaks in the existing system typically cause the loss of up to 60 percent of the water produced, and the poor quality of the water system infrastructure results in numerous water service outages to customers.

Other grants approved by the board included: \$51,850 to the Beatty Water & Sanitation District and \$47,600 to the City of Yerington for capital improvements to help them comply with new federal arsenic rules; and \$12,750 to Lyon County Utilities for new water storage capacity and replacement of water mains.

The [Nevada Division of Environmental Protection](#) provides administrative, accounting, engineering and staff support for the Board of Financing Water Projects. The board reviews and decides requests for grants for capital improvements to publicly-owned small water systems in Nevada. It also approves an annual ranking of water systems which need funding and loan requests for water system construction under the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund.

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